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A SECURITY CRAFT DIVES DOWN THROUGH THE FOG, REVEALING NEW STRUCTURES BUILT ATOP THE DECO ARCHITECTURE OF THE OLD REPUBLIC.

SEDIMENTARY LAYERS OF PROGRESS.

THE *FIRST ORDER CAPITOL* TOWERS OVER THE CITY, A JAGGED STRUCTURE BALANCING ON THE SURFACE LIKE A SPINNING TOP.

THE CRAFT FLIES PAST STREETS RIFE WITH DESPAIR.

IMMIGRANTS FROM A THOUSAND SYSTEMS, ALL SEEKING A BETTER FUTURE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

A DIRTY PROPAGANDA BILLBOARD READS: "JOIN TODAY."

SOMEONE HAS PAINTED "DON'T" OVER "JOIN".

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A STREET KID--DADE, AGE TWELVE--WATCHES A PAIR OF STORMTROOPERS ROUGH UP A LIMBLESS ALIEN.

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DADE PICKS UP A PIECE OF BROKEN CEMENT, AIMS...

THUNK!

SPRAK!

A BANTHA HORN SOUNDS ON HIGH.

DADE MAKES HIS WAY TO MONUMENT SQUARE.

HE WEAVES CLOSER AND CLOSER.

THOUSANDS ARE GATHERED.

ALL EYES ARE ON A DAIS NEXT TO A HOLOGRAM OF CHANCELLOR HUX!

TODAY, ANOTHER CONSPIRATOR STANDS CHARGED WITH TREASON.

IT'S BISS KOVA FROM KUAT!

LET THIS DAY REMIND US OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF DEFYING OUR SUPREME LEADER.

THE CAPITOL GUARDS PLACE KOVA INTO A LIGHTBLADE GUILLOTINE.

KYLO REN IS NOT WITHOUT PITY, JUST AS THIS TRAITOR IS NOT WITHOUT REMORSE.

AND SO HE OFFERS TO SPARE THIS MAN'S LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LOCATION OF THE RESISTANCE BASE.

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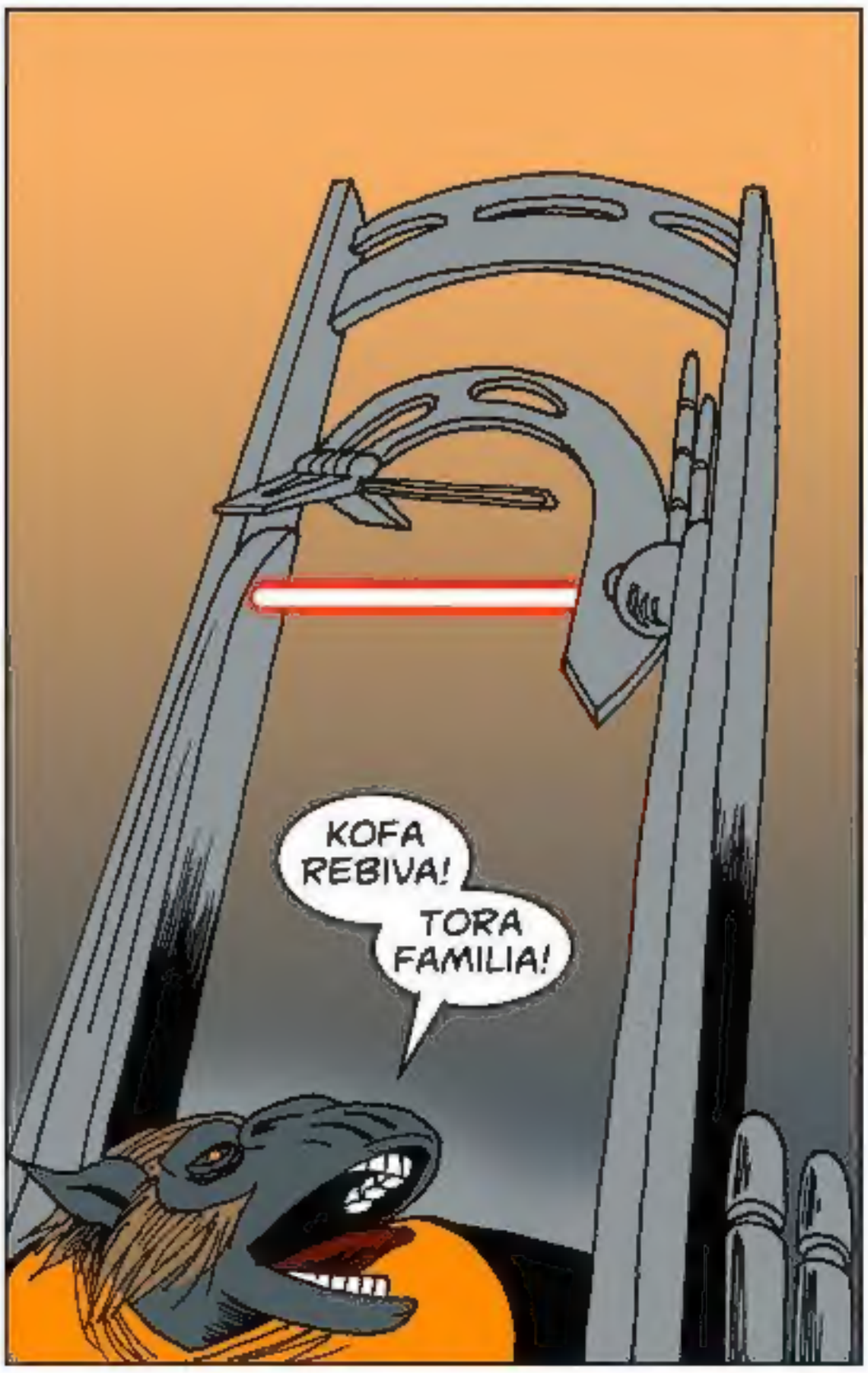
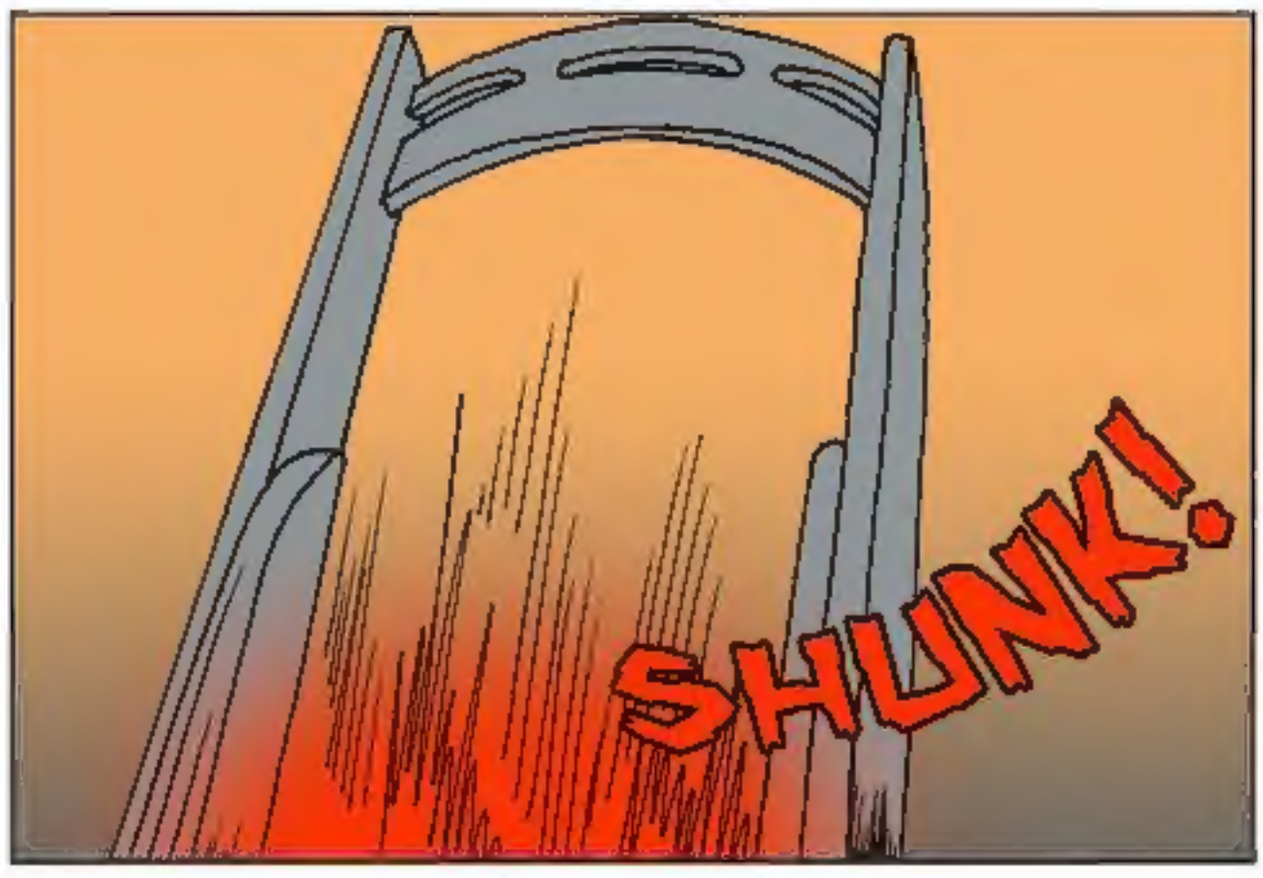
SO BE IT.


KOFA REBIVA!
TORA FAMILIA!

SOMEONE TRIES TO COVER DADE'S EYES.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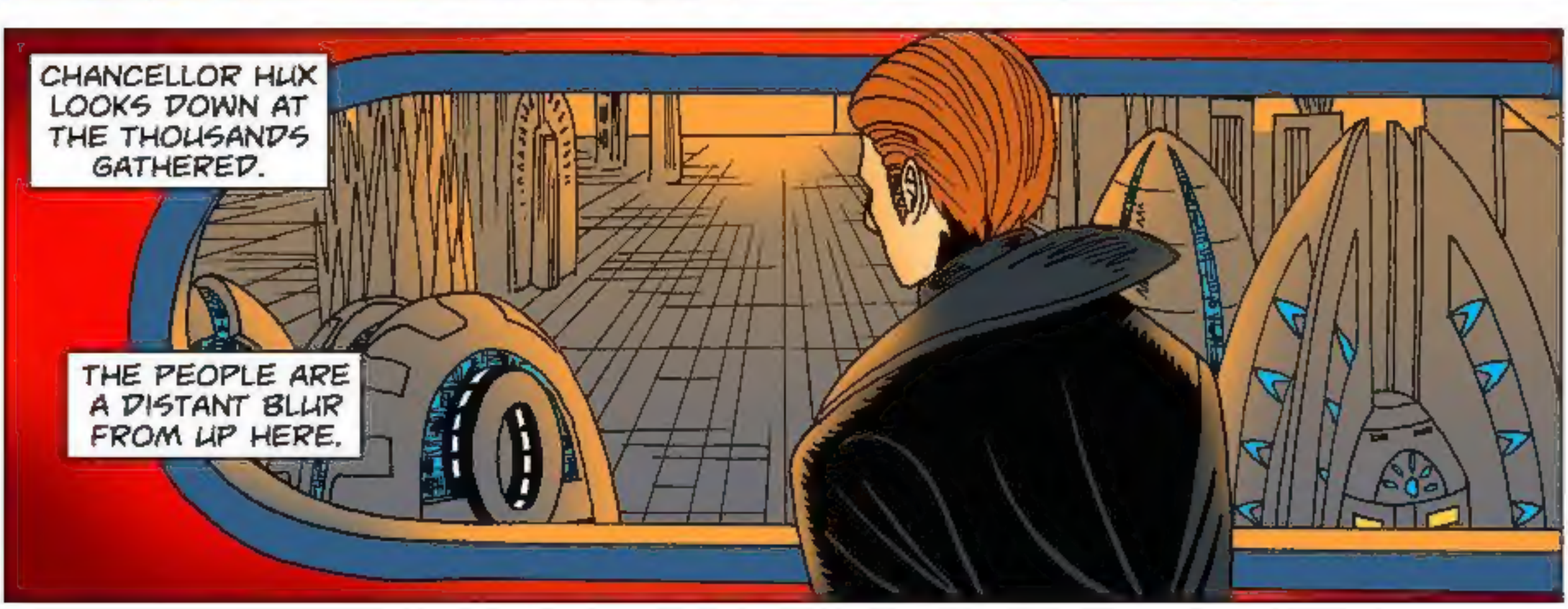
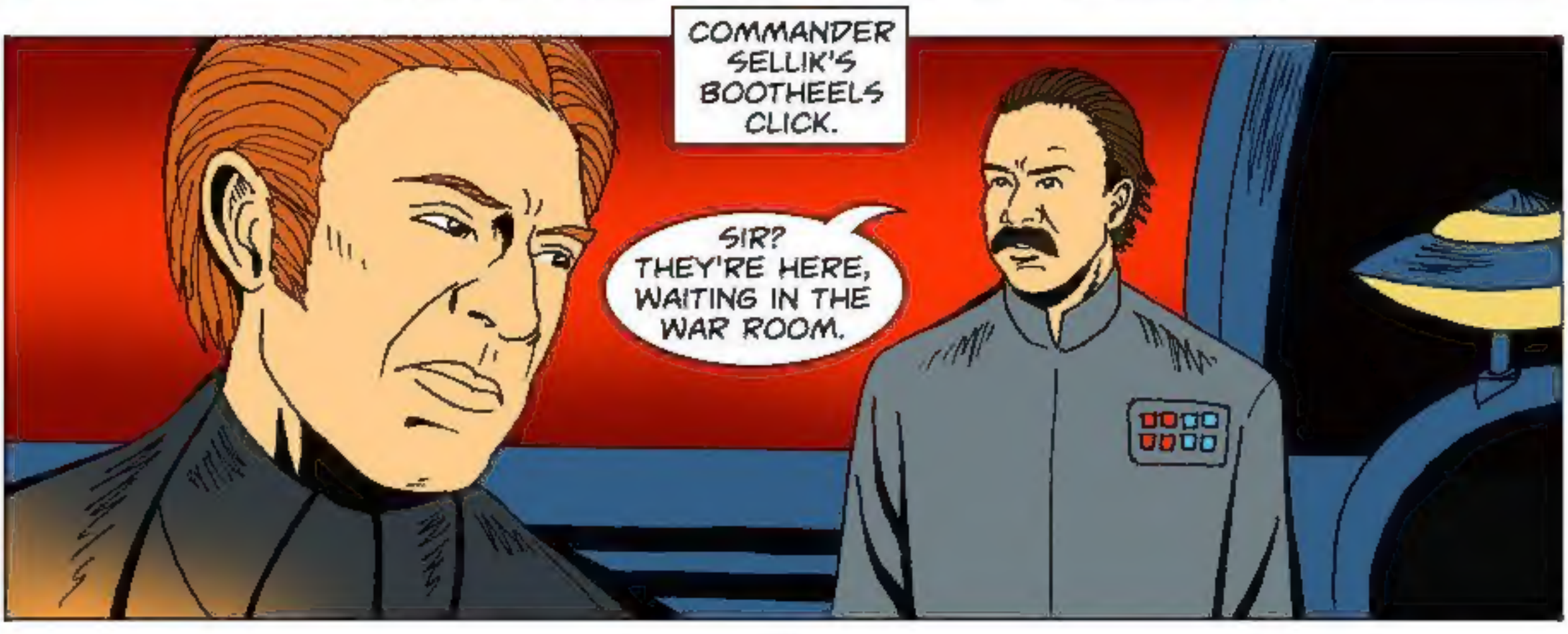
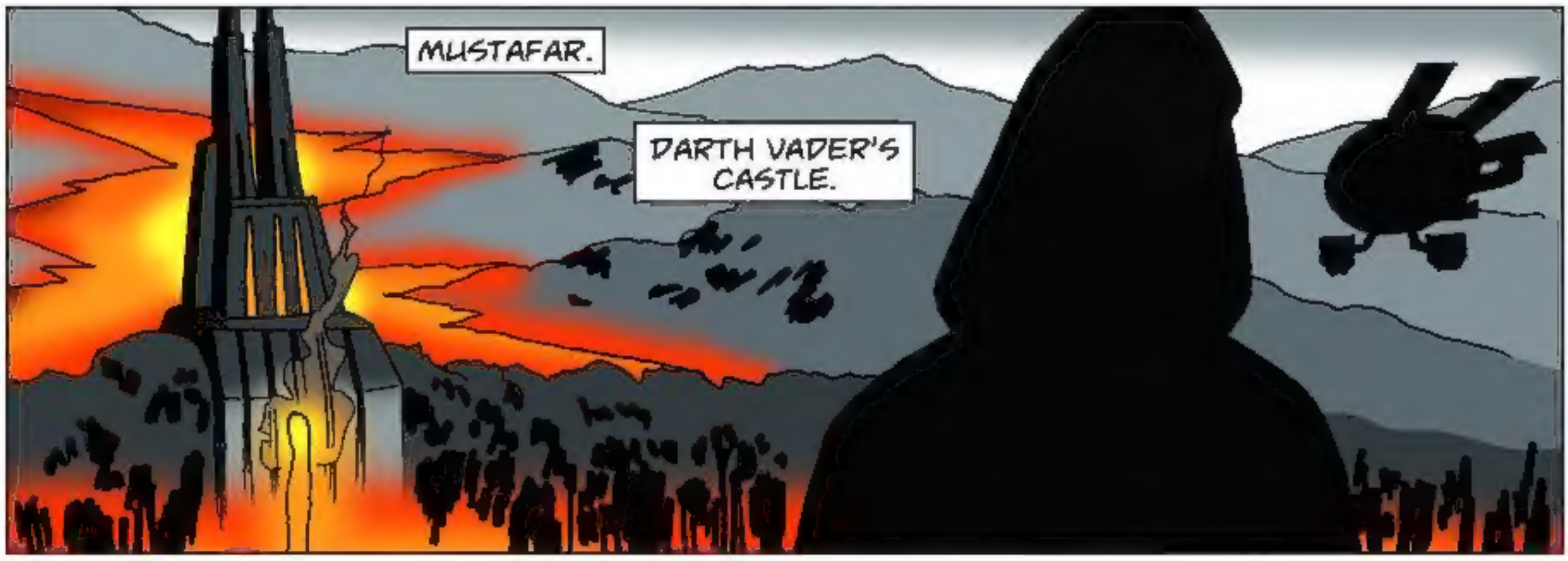
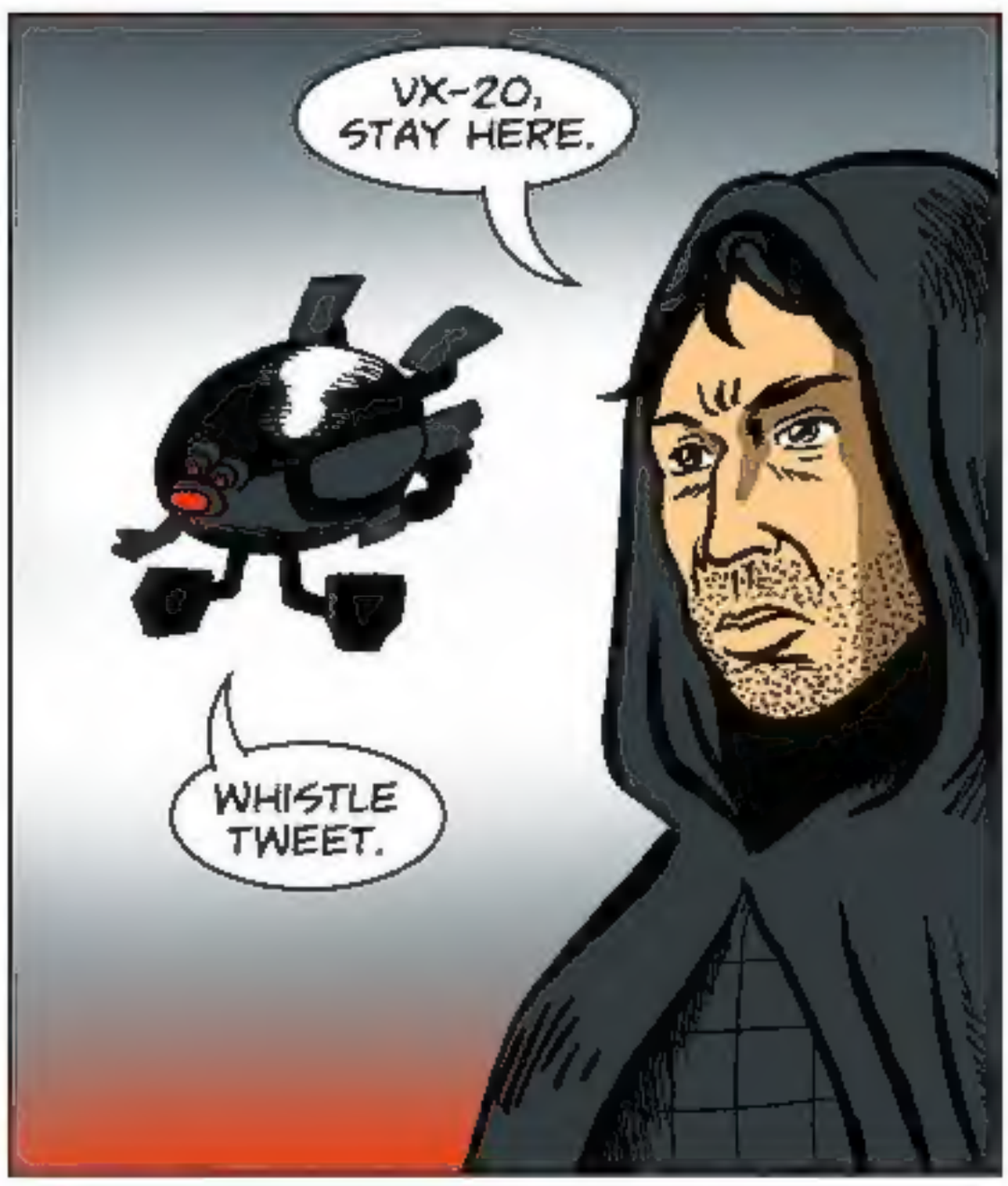

CHANCELLOR HUX LOOKS DOWN AT THE THOUSANDS GATHERED.
THE PEOPLE ARE A DISTANT BLUR FROM UP HERE.

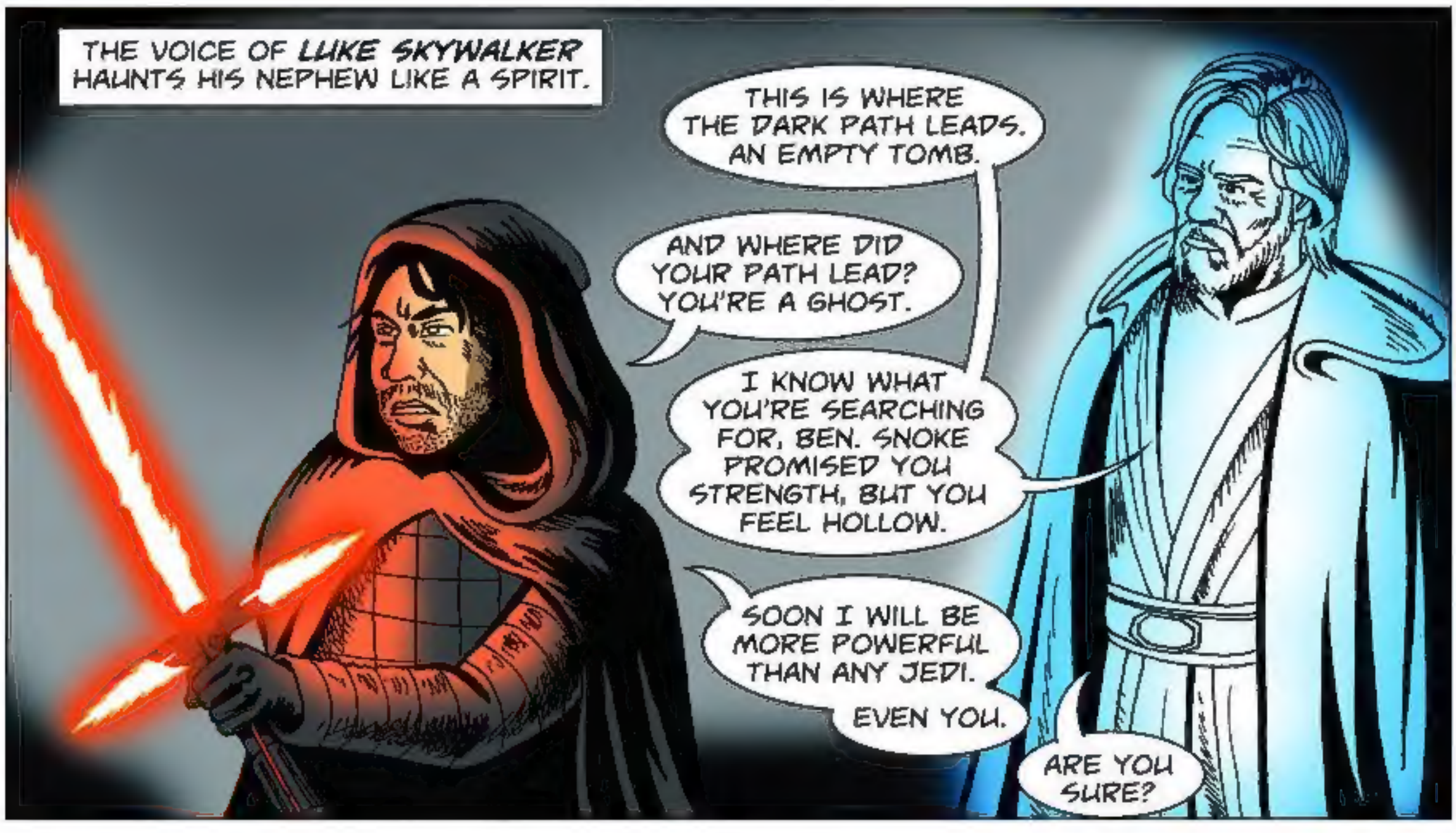

COMMANDER SELLIK'S BOOTHEELS CLICK.
SIR? THEY'RE HERE, WAITING IN THE WAR ROOM.

LORD GHERLID, I ASSURE YOU THE STOLEN DESTROYER WILL BE FOUND.
IN THE CAPITOL WAR ROOM AWAITS A GROUP OF GALACTIC WARLORDS-- TRIBAL, WEALTHY, CLOTHED IN ELABORATE ROBES AND STOLEN JEWELS.
YOUR WORDS DON'T INSPIRE CONFIDENCE, HUX.
OUR PROBE DROIDS ARE SCOURING THE GALAXY AS WE SPEAK.
A LONE SIGNAL WON'T BE DIFFICULT TO FIND.
OUR TRANSMISSION BLOCKADE HAS SILENCED MILLIONS OF SYSTEMS.
YOU CAN SILENCE PLANETS, NOT PEOPLE. THERE HAVE BEEN UPRISINGS. WE MUST NOT ALLOW THE SEEDS OF REVOLUTION TO TAKE ROOT.
THE FIRST ORDER WILL PUNISH THOSE WHO DEFY YOUR RULE.
JOR NULT SPEAKS NEXT:
IT'S SKYWALKER THEY BELIEVE IN, NOT THE LAW. AND HIS APPRENTICE, THIS GIRL JEDI. SHE'S BECOME A SYMBOL OF HOPE.
RAYKAR SHEN INTERJECTS.
THE PEOPLE BELIEVE SHE WILL DESTROY YOU, HUX.
AND YOUR MASTER.
KYLO REN IS NO MASTER, CERTAINLY NOT MINE.
THE KNIGHTS OF REN HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO ELIMINATE THE JEDI.
OUR FATE IN THE HANDS OF ZEALOTS?
WHERE IS KYLO REN?
THE SUPREME LEADER WILL RETURN WHEN HE ACQUIRES THE KNOWLEDGE HE SEEKS.
WHEN?
SOON.


MUSTAFAR.
DARTH VADER'S CASTLE.


VX-20, STAY HERE.
WHISTLE TWEET.

INSIDE THE CASTLE, KYLO IGNITES HIS LIGHTSABER.
TINY CREATURES SCURRY AT THE DISTURBANCE.
A HAUNTING WIND BLOWS AGAINST KYLO'S CHEEK.
LEAVE ME ALONE.


THE VOICE OF LUKE SKYWALKER HAUNTS HIS NEPHEW LIKE A SPIRIT.
THIS IS WHERE THE DARK PATH LEADS. AN EMPTY TOMB.
AND WHERE DID YOUR PATH LEAD? YOU'RE A GHOST.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR, BEN. SNOKE PROMISED YOU STRENGTH, BUT YOU FEEL HOLLOW.
SOON I WILL BE MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY JEDI.
EVEN YOU.
ARE YOU SURE?

KYLO SPINS AND SWINGS AT EMPTY SPACE.

VWUM!

GO HOME, BEN.

GO HOME TO LEIA...

KYLO IS SHAKEN.

FLOATING ABOVE AN ALTAR ACROSS THE ROOM LIES THE ARTIFACT HE CAME FOR.

A SITH HOLOCRON.

AS KYLO CHANNELS *THE FORCE*...

... AN ENERGY WITHIN IT IS ***REVEALED!*** IT GROWS IN INTENSITY...

... AND PROJECTS A HOLOGRAM OF THE LONG-DEAD ***EMPEROR PALPATINE!***

LORD VADER, YOUNG SKYWALKER WILL SOON BE OURS, I HAVE FORESEEN IT. BUT WE MUST PREPARE FOR THE UNFORESEEN. SHOULD HE STRIKE ME DOWN, YOU WILL TAKE HIM TO THE REMNICORE SYSTEM. THERE, YOU WILL FIND ***TOR VALUM...***

... MASTER OF THE SITH LORD WHO INSTRUCTED ME.

THE HOLOCRON EMITS A LASER THAT SCANS KYLO'S FACE.

THE SON OF SKYWALKER WILL ACQUIRE A ***GREAT*** ABILITY--

--***BEYOND*** WHAT ***YOU*** COULD HOPE TO COMMAND IN YOUR ***DAMAGED*** STATE...

WITH IT, HE WILL HARNESS THE UNTAPPED POWER OF ***MORTIS.*** AT LAST WE WILL REALIZE--

WAH! WAH!

THE HOLOCRON ALARMS.

KYLO REN IS ***NOT*** DARTH VADER.

--THE DESTINY...

PO- POTENTIAL--

LIGHTNING SHOOTS FROM THE HOLOCRON!

THE INVASIVE PULSE OF ENERGY SPREADS OVER KYLO'S FACE LIKE A CANCER.

RAW PURPLE VEINS STREAK THROUGH HIS SKIN.

GRRAAAAAAHHH!!

HE SCREAMS IN DEEP, UNBEARABLE PAIN.

ACROSS THE GALAXY AT THE RESISTANCE BASE ON KORILEV, KYLO'S PAIN IS FELT BY ANOTHER...

BEN.

LEIA GRIPS A STONE WALL.

SHE HAS SUFFERED MORE LOSS THAN A HUMAN CAN ENDURE.

BUT SHE REMAINS A ROCK IN A RAGING RIVER.

GROWL!!

THE TEAM HAS RETURNED, GENERAL.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, CONNIX?

NOT EXACTLY...

LEIA LOOKS UP TO SEE THE ECLIPSE DESTROYER DESCENDING TO THE PLANET OVER THE SNOWY JUNGLE.

ON THE BRIDGE...

YOU ARE IN STRICT VIOLATION OF THE CORELLIAN ACCORDS!

YEAH, PUT IT ON MY TAB.

ROSE TAKES THE OFFICER'S I.D. BARS.

YOU MIND? I COLLECT THESE.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THESE OFFICERS, GENERAL?

COOK THEM DINNER.

THEY LOOK THIN.

SCAN THE SHIP. THIS THING COULD BE ***CRAWLING*** WITH ENEMY TROOPS.

BUT OUR TEAM DIDN'T CONSIDER *THAT*, DID THEY?

PREPARE FOR EVACUATION.

WHAT? WHY? COME ON, TELL ME YOU HAVEN'T ALWAYS WANTED ONE OF THESE.

I DISABLED THE HOMING BEACON.

WE'RE FREE AND CLEAR.

WOULD YOU BET YOUR LIFE ON THAT?

LEIA LOOKS PAST THEM TO REY, IN A CORRIDOR OF THE BRIDGE.

ALONE.

HOW'S REY DOING?

HARD TO TELL.

MAYBE YOU CAN TALK TO HER?

SHE DOESN'T NEED A MASTER RIGHT NOW.

SHE NEEDS A FRIEND.

REY, YOU OKAY?

I FAILED.

DON'T SAY THAT. THEY KNOW OUR TACTICS. WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING THIS WAR FOR TOO LONG.

THOSE PEOPLE, THE CHILDREN, I SAW *HOPE* IN THEIR EYES.

THEY BELIEVE IN YOU. WE ALL DO.

THOSE WORDS ADD MORE WEIGHT TO REY'S SHOULDERS.

I CAN'T BE WHO THEY NEED ME TO BE. I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

THAT'S NOT TRUE.

EVERY NIGHT I WAKE UP SCREAMING.

EVERY NIGHT, *ANOTHER* BAD DREAM.

IS IT *HIM?*

THERE'S *SOMETHING* BETWEEN US. I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT.

YOU *HAVE TO* SHUT HIM OUT.

HE *CAN'T* CHANGE.

IT'S TOO LATE.

IT'S *NEVER* TOO LATE TO CHANGE, FINN.

YOU TAUGHT ME THAT.

GRAWRRR!!

WHAT IS IT, CHEWIE?

CHEWIE OPENS A BLAST DOOR, REVEALING A MILE-LONG ARSENAL OF *FIRST ORDER WEAPONRY.*

THERE IS ENOUGH FIREPOWER TO TAKE *THE CAPITOL!*

SEE? WHEN HAVE I EVER COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED?

WE HAVE SHIPS. WEAPONS. ALL WE NEED IS AN ARMY.

HOW? NOBODY CAN HEAR US.

WE'RE IN THE DARK.

WE DON'T HAVE TO BE.

THE JEDI HAD A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. BEFORE THE OLD REPUBLIC.

IT WAS POWERED BY A NEXUS BENEATH THE JEDI TEMPLE.

A *FORCE BEACON*, ENGINEERED TO CALL OUTLYING SYSTEMS TO WAR.

NO WAY IT STILL WORKS.

OLD REPUBLIC TECH IS BETTER THAN THE JUNK WE HAVE TODAY.

THAT FREQUENCY PRE-DATES THE EMPIRE BY A THOUSAND YEARS.

THE FIRST ORDER BLOCKADE COULDN'T DISRUPT THE SIGNAL.

IT'S WORTH A SHOT.

ROWRR!!

YEAH, I HOPE SO, TOO, CHEWIE.

HOPE IS ALL WE HAVE LEFT.

RESISTANCE BASE.

JEDI DOJO.

REY BATTLES AN ELABORATE JEDI SPARRING POST.

SHE COMBATS IT WITH AGGRESSIVE ELEGANCE.

SHE DUCKS, SPINS, LEAPS.

THE SPARRING POST MOVES, ROTATING AT THE BASE, LIMBS SPINNING.

WHACK!

UH!

A FAMILIAR, DISEMBODIED VOICE SPEAKS.

YOUR PAIN IS AN ILLUSION.

IT ISN'T ACTUALLY.

SUDDENLY, VISIONS ENTER REY'S MIND...

KYLO SCREAMS ON AN OPERATING TABLE, SURROUNDED BY MEDIC DROIDS.

RAW PURPLE VEINS STRETCH ACROSS HIS FACE.

LAYERS OF MANDALORIAN ARMOR ARE SMELTED TO KYLO'S FACE.

AAAAHHHH!!!

ACROSS THE GALAXY, KYLO IS WRACKED BY A VISION, ALSO.

A MOUNTAIN.

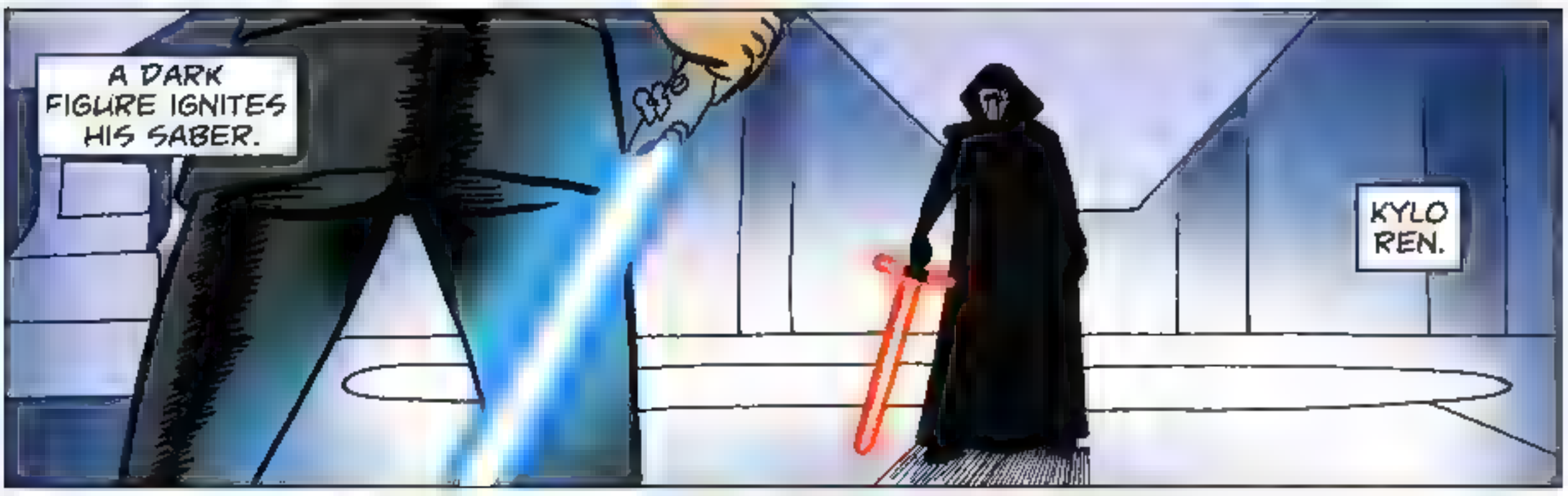
SNOW ON JAGGED PEAKS.

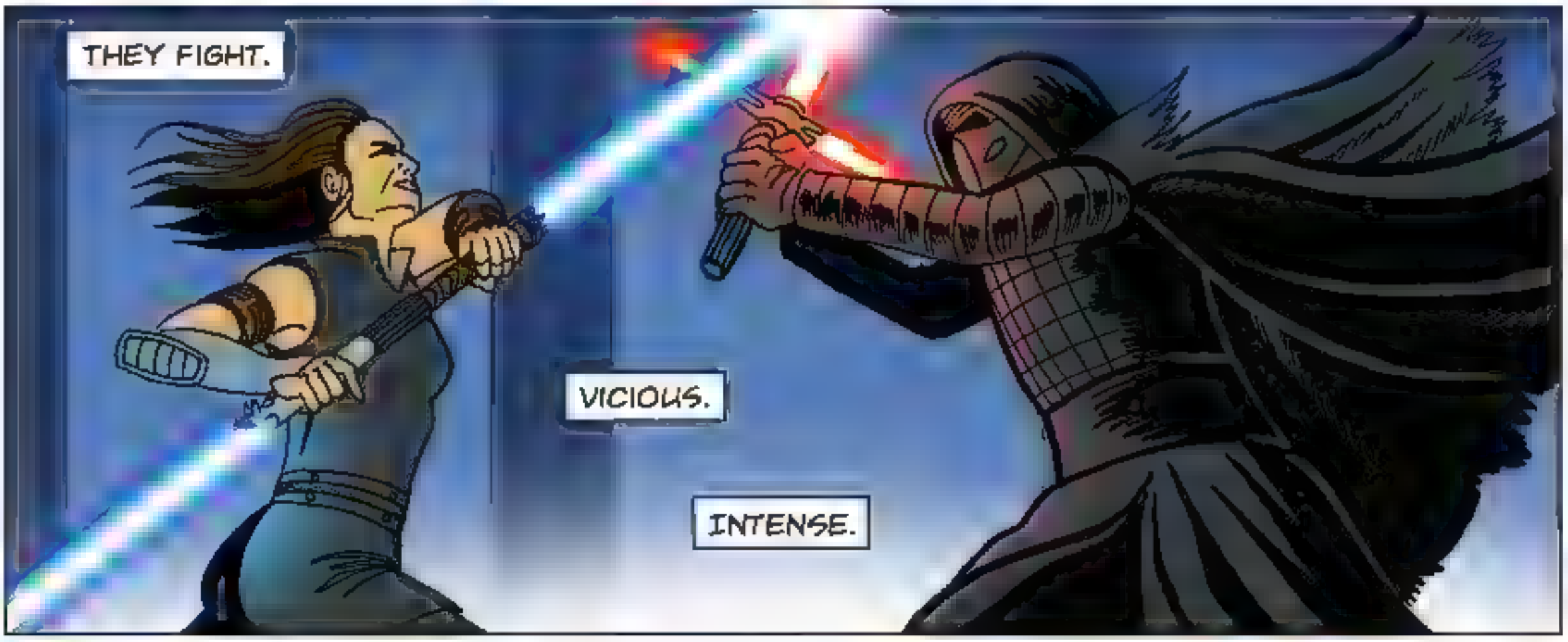
A TEMPLE, OLDER THAN ALL KNOWN TIME.

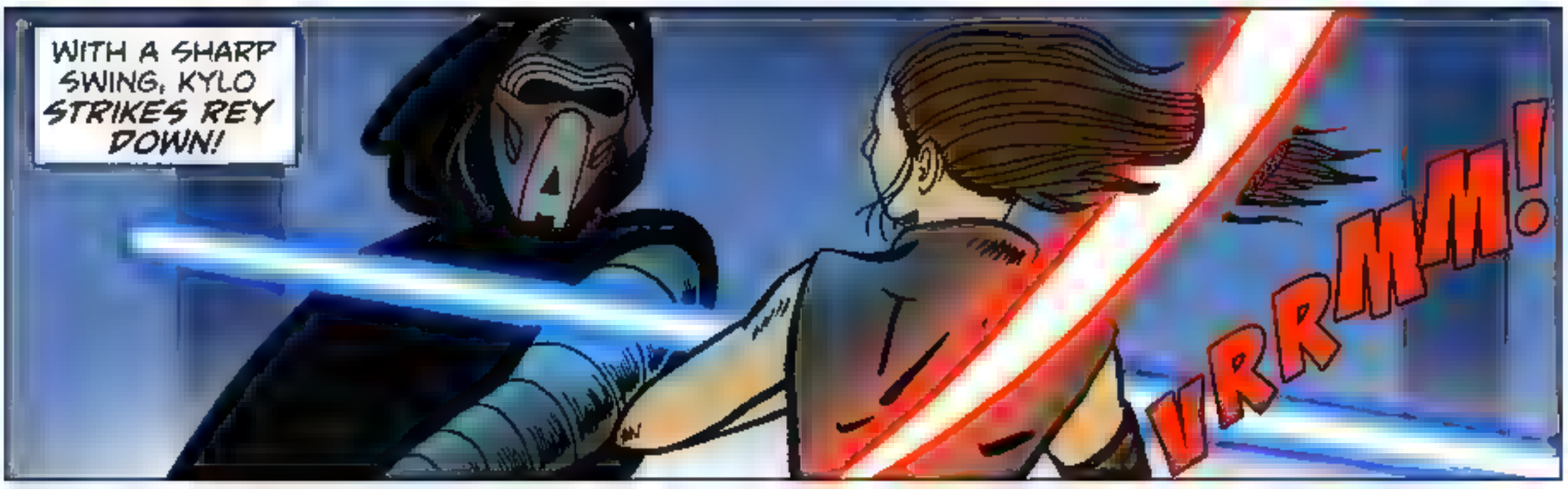
AN ANCIENT CHAMBER WITH TWO THRONES.

A WELL OF LIGHT...

... PULSING FROM BELOW.


A DARK FIGURE IGNITES HIS SABER.
KYLO REN.


THEY FIGHT.
VICIOUS.
INTENSE.


WITH A SHARP SWING, KYLO STRIKES REY DOWN!
VRRMM!

WHAT DID YOU SEE?
I SAW A MOUNTAIN.
TWO THRONES IN THE ROCK.
KYLO REN WAS...
... CHANGED.

LUKE'S SPIRIT STEPS INTO THE LIGHT.

YOU SAW THE FUTURE.

KYLO SAW IT, TOO. I COULD FEEL HIM. LIKE HE WAS... THERE WITH ME.

WHERE?

MORTIS.

LUKE LOOKS GRAVE.

HE SITS DOWN WITH REY, AS OBI-WAN ONCE SAT WITH HIM.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF MORTIS?

IT'S AN ANCIENT PLACE.

FROM A TIME ***BEFORE*** THE JEDI, ***BEFORE*** THE SITH. TWO THRONES. TWO POWERFUL BEINGS.

ONE OF DARKNESS, THE OTHER OF LIGHT.

TOGETHER, THEY BROUGHT BALANCE.

BUT IT'S A ***MYTH.***

SO WAS I, IF YOU REMEMBER.

BENEATH THE ***TEMPLE OF MORTIS*** LIES A POWER ***BEYOND*** ANYTHING THE JEDI HAVE EVER KNOWN.

IF KYLO REACHES THE TEMPLE, ***ALL*** WE'VE FOUGHT FOR WILL BE LOST.

YOU ***HAVE*** TO CONFRONT HIM.

YOU WANT ME TO... *KILL* LEIA'S SON?

THE FORCE GUIDES US TOWARD *BALANCE.*

IT DOESN'T ALWAYS SHOW US WHAT WE WANT TO SEE.

"BALANCE."

DARK SUFFOCATES THE LIGHT.

LIGHT EXTINGUISHES THE DARK.

OVER AND OVER.

HOW IS THAT BALANCE?

I KNOW THAT ANGER.

I HAD IT.

MY FATHER HAD IT, TOO.

SO SAYS MY MASTER. AND HIS MASTER BEFORE HIM.

A THOUSAND MASTERS, SO EAGER TO TELL US HOW TO LIVE.

REY SEES HER FRIENDS WORKING ON THE FALCON OUTSIDE THE DOJO.

I SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE WANTING A FAMILY.

NOW I'VE GOT ONE.

I *WON'T* ABANDON THEM.

THE FORCE IS SPEAKING TO YOU, REY.

MAYBE I'M NOT WHO IT THINKS I AM.

REY STANDS.

I'M NO ONE.

WHO ARE YOU?

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU BELIEVE, THE LAST JEDI *IS* DEAD.

MAYBE *HE* IS.

ACROSS THE GALAXY, KYLO SITS IN A MEDICAL BAY...

A NEW MASK LOWERS DOWN FROM ABOVE.

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HE LOOKS INTO A MIRROR AT HIS ALTERED FACE -- HALF-COVERED WITH SMELTED MANDALORIAN IRON.

A MONSTER.

FINISH IT.

KYLO'S NEW HELMET LOWERS ALL THE WAY ONTO HIS HEAD AND LOCKS INTO PLACE.

BREATHE.

HE DOES.

A NEW SOUND, DIFFERENT FROM VADER'S.

GUTTERAL. DEEP.

ELSWHERE ON CORUSCANT: CHANCELLOR HUX'S CHAMBERS...

HUX SITS IN A HUGE, THRONE-LIKE CHAIR THAT FACES THE CITY.

HUX STANDS AND WALKS OVER TO A PLASTEEL CASE.

HE SEES AN OBJECT OF HIS AFFECTION--A LIGHTSABER RESTING ON A PEDESTAL.

HE PLACES A COIN ON HIS DESK.

HE HESITATES.

HE TRIES TO USE ***THE FORCE*** TO MOVE THE COIN...

NNNGGHH...

HAS ALL BEEN WELL IN MY ABSENCE?

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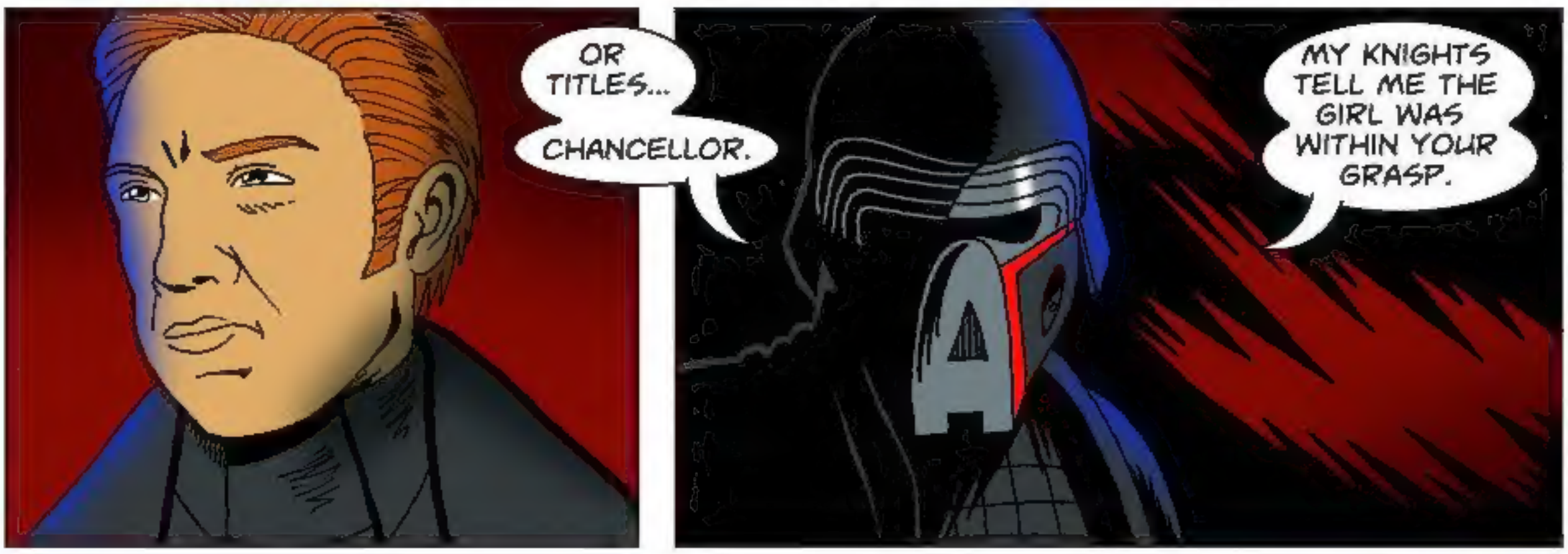

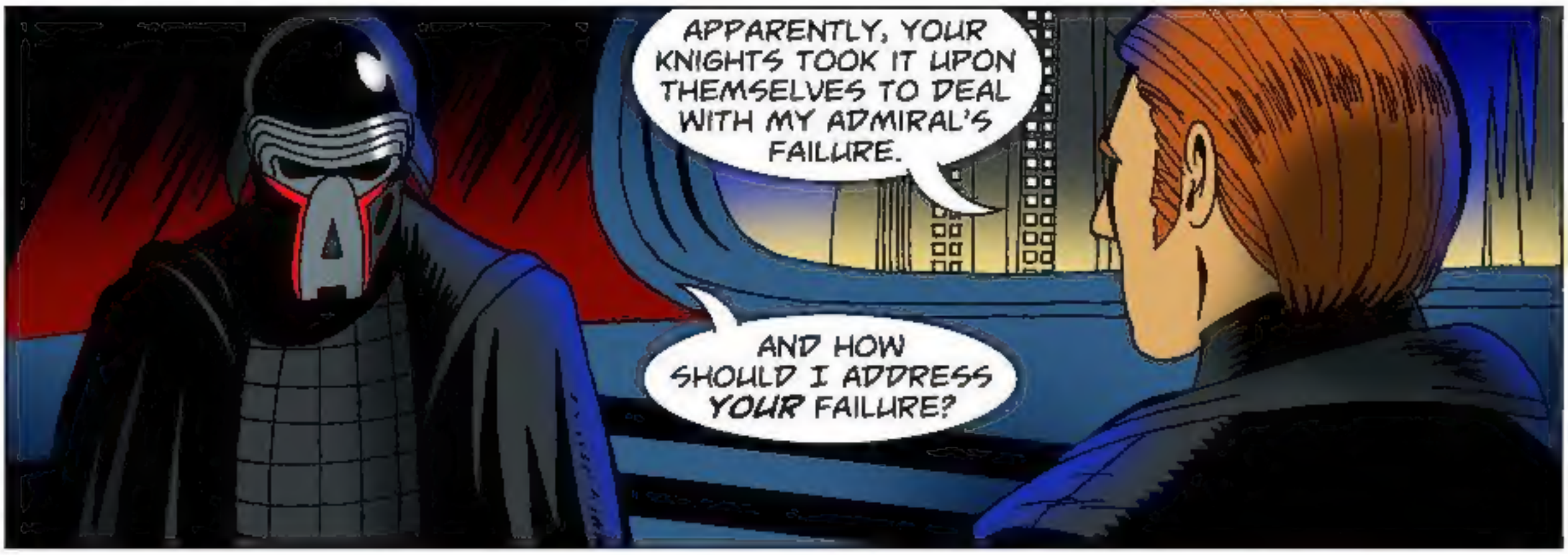

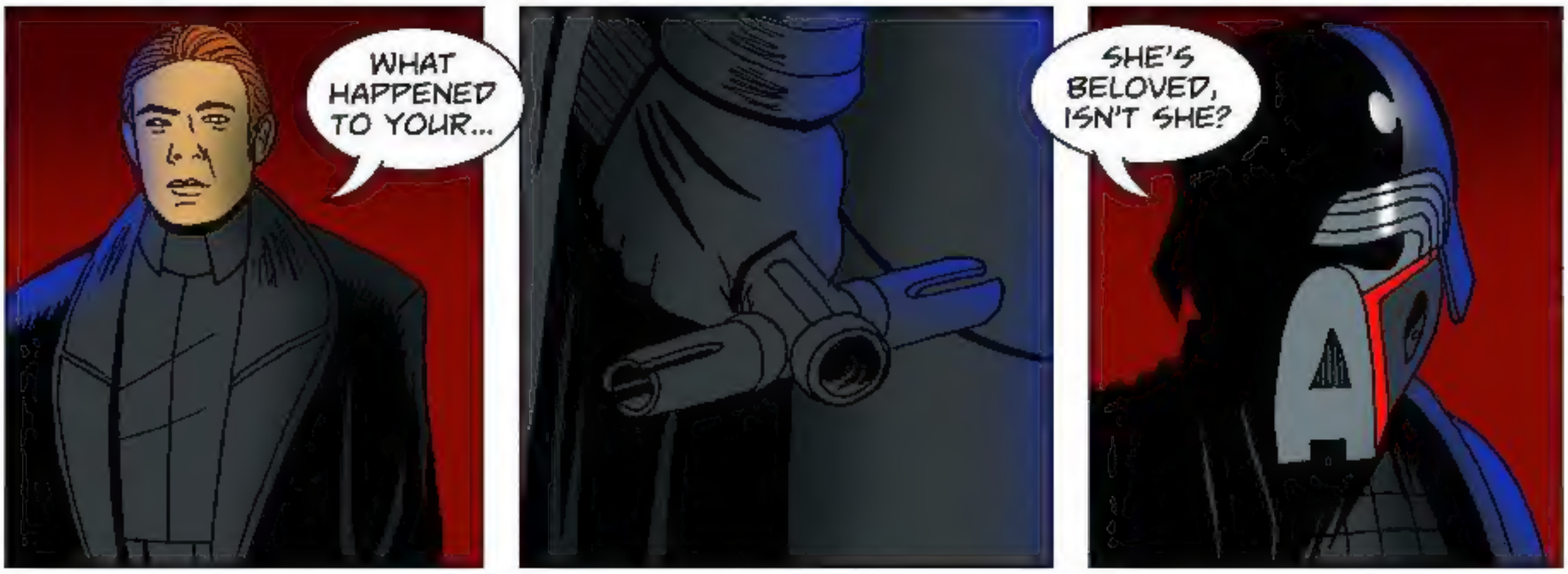

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BELIEF IS THE SOLACE OF PEASANTS.

THE PEOPLE CLING TO FOLKLORE.

BUT THEY *FEAR* THE FIRST ORDER.

THEY FEAR *ME.*

SOON, I WILL COMMAND THE FORCE IN WAYS UNSEEN SINCE THE ANCIENTS.

THE POWER DESCRIBED IN THE *SITH TEXTS?*

YOU'VE *FOUND* IT?

IT IS WITHIN MY REACH.

THE ABILITY TO DESTROY A PLANET WILL BE...

INSIGNIFICANT.

WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?

FIND THE RESISTANCE.

WIPE THEM OUT.

AND THE GIRL?

LEAVE HER TO ME.

TO BE CONTINUED!